

had before it introduced, some of them, by the Education Committee as a result of an interim study that Senator Baack was the chairman of, of the task force that studied cost containment measures for special education. Some of the bills were introduced by the select committee that was created to study the issue of preschool special education. We had the hearing on those bills, and following the hearing the committee adopted an amendment to LB 942 that inserted a number of the provisions in the other bills that we had had introduced. So the white copy of the amendment, in your bill book, becomes the bill under the committee amendments. Senator Baack, I think, is distributing to you a section-by-section analysis of the bill as it will be if you adopt the committee amendments. I would just simply mention that both of these task forces, both of these interim studies did an in depth study of this particular issue, and it is an issue that we all ought to be concerned about, we all ought to be aware of. As a result of those studies, a number of the provisions that you will find in LB 942 are designed to continue to provide this necessary service, but to do it under as uniform and as cost-effective mechanism that we could think of. That is the basic reasons behind LB 942. And with that, I would like to ask for the adoption of the committee amendments. I'm sure that either myself or Senator Baack would be happy to answer any questions.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Baack, did you wish to talk to the committee amendments?

SENATOR BAACK: No, I think we'll just go ahead and pass on the committee amendments, and then I'll explain the bill after we adopt the amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right. I understand we have an amendment to the committee amendments.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Remmers would move to amend the committee amendments. Senator Remmers's amendment is on page 953 of the Journal.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Remmers.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would ask that you pass over the amendment at this time.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Withdrawn. Senator Sieck, did you wish to